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The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. LATHAM).

### DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,  
May 19, 2004.

I hereby appoint the Honorable TOM LATHAM to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

J. DENNIS HASTERT,  
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

### PRAYER

The Reverend Pete Wall, Pastor, Jackson Baptist Church, Sylvania, Georgia, offered the following prayer:

Lord, I thank You that You allow me the great privilege and opportunity to speak to You, the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords.

Lord, I know based on Your word that You respond favorably to those who obey You. Therefore, Lord, I ask that even now You might deal with all those in this House on the urgency of that obedience. Lord, we as a Nation face challenges in the days ahead, problems we have brought on ourselves because many have forgotten whose Nation we are.

Lord, help all to understand that the Earth does not just quake, that fires do not just burn, that the storms do not just show up, but that all are under the control of You, an awesome God who will be heard. Lord, that we might understand that it is not knowledge which is the opinion of man but wisdom which is the gift of God that needs to prevail here in this place this day and every day. Convict those who so foolishly overlook the guidance that You so wonderfully and generously offer. Deal with us now individually

and collectively, that our hearts' desire might be Your desire, that our will might be given over to do Your will, that we would only think and say and do those things that we are led to do by You. Amen.

### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Texas (Mr. BRADY) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. BRADY of Texas led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

### MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mr. Monahan, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has passed without amendment bills of the House of the following titles:

H.R. 923. An act to amend the Small Business Investment Act of 1958 to allow certain premier certified lenders to elect to maintain an alternative loss reserve.

H.R. 3104. An act to provide for the establishment of separate campaign medals to be awarded to members of the uniformed services who participate in Operation Enduring Freedom and to members of the uniformed services who participate in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

### WELCOMING THE REVEREND PETE WALL

(Mr. BURNS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. BURNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the guest chaplain for today. The Reverend Pete Wall is the pastor of Jackson Baptist Church in rural Screven County, Georgia. It is my home church in my home community. It was the church of my father and my grandfather. It is just across the road from our family farm. As my colleagues might imagine, this church and the community that surrounds it has been a guiding force in my life and is dear to my heart.

We rarely call him "Reverend" at home. It is just "Brother Pete." Pete Wall is a shepherd, both literally and figuratively. He is widely known for his knowledge of livestock, especially sheep. But he is more widely known and loved for his ministry to others. Pete has a shepherd's heart. He cares for his flock. His homespun wisdom and amazing storytelling ability easily wins friends and disarms those who might be put off by a more formal religion or a typical preacher. He has a deep and abiding faith in Jesus Christ, and he lives it every day. Pete readily shares his faith with those who wish to learn about a Christ-centered life, yet he never forces his views on others.

Pete has been a blessing to our church and our community for 7 years. It has been a great joy in my life to know him, his wife, Gina, and their family.

Mr. Speaker, it is a great honor and privilege to have the Reverend Pete Wall as our guest chaplain today. He is my pastor, he is my friend, but most importantly he is my brother in Christ.

### COURT MARTIAL OF SPECIALIST JEREMY SIVITS

(Mr. STEARNS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. STEARNS. Mr. Speaker, today the United States proved that we are a

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